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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF WORLD BANK REPRESENTATIVE -
SRIRAM AIYER

1. IBRD DIVISION CHIEF, MR. SRIRAM AIYER WILL VISIT
PORTUGAL DEC. 17-22 TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH GENERAL
ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CLIMATE.
2. AIYER WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH ECONOMIC COUNSELOR
AND AID REPRESENTATIVE WHILE IN LISBON. HE WILL CALL
EMBASSY FOR APPOINTMENTS ON HIS ARRIVAL.
3. AIYER'S DIVISION OF WORLD BANK HAS MADE TWO LOANS TO
PORTUGAL IN 1976 AND HAS A TOTAL OF ABOUT \$60 MILLION
EARMARKED FOR THAT COUNTRY. ALTHOUGH SYMPATHETIC TOWARD
PORTUGAL, AIYER HAS BEEN RECEIVING SOME OVERLY PESSIMISTIC
PROGNOSES OF PORTUGAL'S FUTURE. DEPT, THEREFORE, RECOM-
MENDS THAT EMBASSY GIVE AIYER COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING ON
STRENGTHS OF SOARES' GOVERNMENT AND ITS URGENT NEED FOR
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. KISSINGER

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